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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Annotated agenda for the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2017/202, adopted the provisional agenda for its 2017 session (E/2017/1).

Section I of the present document reflects the list of items on the agenda for the 2017 session of the Council. Section II contains the annotations for the items. The annotations are intended to provide a brief history of each item and to indicate, where applicable, the documentation that is to be made available during the course of the session. The present document does not include items that are considered by the Council on a biennial basis.[1]

The Council, in its resolution 2017/1, adopted the working arrangements for its 2017 session, which includes the coordination and management meetings, the operational activities for development segment, the integration segment, the humanitarian affairs segment, the high-level segment, and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council.

The Council further updated its working arrangements for the 2017 session by determining that the one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters would be held on 7 April 2017 (Council decision 2017/299)[2] and that the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, including the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, would be held from 22 to 25 May 2017 (Council decision 2017/206).[3]

The updated working arrangements for the 2017 session are set out in the annex.

[1] Development Cooperation Forum, South-South cooperation for development, and proposed strategic framework for the period 2020-2021.
[2] E/2017/1, 10, adopted at the 7th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2016.
[3] E/2017/1, 7, adopted at the 3rd plenary meeting, on 5 October 2016.

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II. Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the programme of work of the Economic and Social Council is on a July-to-July cycle. The term of office of the officers of the Council (the Bureau) for the 2017 session will be from the date of their election until the date of election of their successors, in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Council. In accordance with the principle of equitable geographical rotation of the office of the President among the regional groups, the President of the Council at its 2017 session should be from the African States. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council will be elected from the other regional groups.

In its decision 2017/200 A, the Council elected by acclamation Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava of Zimbabwe as President of the Council, and Marie Chatardová of Czechia, Cristián Barros Melet of Chile and Heiko Thoms of Germany as Vice-Presidents of the Council for its 2017 session.

In its decision 2017/200 B, the Council elected by acclamation Nabeel Munir of Pakistan as Vice-President of the Council for its 2017 session.

In its decision 2017/200 C, the Council elected by acclamation Jürgen Schulz of Germany as Vice-President of the Council to complete the term of office of Heiko Thoms (Germany).

On the recommendation of the President, the Council, in its decision 2017/203, decided on the following special responsibilities of the Bureau for the 2017 session: the President, Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava (Zimbabwe), would be responsible for the high-level segment and the high-level political forum on sustainable development for 2017, convened under the auspices of the Council, as well as the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals and the forum on financing for development follow-up; the Vice-President, Cristián Barros Melet (Chile), would be responsible for the operational activities for development segment; the Vice-President, Nabeel Munir (Pakistan), would be responsible for the integration segment; the Vice-President, Jürgen Schulz (Germany), would be responsible for the humanitarian affairs segment; and the Vice-President, Marie Chatardová (Czechia), would be

responsible for the coordination and management meetings, including the elections to fill vacancies in the Council's subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

No documentation required

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Council, at the 1st meeting of its 2017 session, on 28 July 2016, adopted the provisional agenda for the session (E/2017/1; Council decision 2017/202).

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1 and taking into account General Assembly resolution 70/299, the Council, in its decision 2017/208,[4] decided that the main theme for its 2017 session would be "Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges".

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/2017/1)

Annotated agenda for the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council (E/2017/100)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, arranges consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and makes proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Council, the President of the Council convenes consultations of the Council, on an "as available" basis, to adapt its organization of work and current methods of work in pursuance of the provisions set out in General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16 and 68/1.

Documentation

Basic programme of work and preliminary list of documents for the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council (E/2017/2)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will schedule the elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies during the coordination and management meetings of the session, in particular at the coordination and management meeting to be held from 19 to 21 April 2017.

[4] E/2017/L.9, adopted at the 5th plenary meeting, on 23 November 2016.

Documentation

Annotations for the elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council (E/2017/1/Add.1)

Election of the members of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/2017/9 and addenda)

5. High-level segment

The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/1, decided that a high-level segment will be held in July. It will continue to discharge the functions of the high-level segment of the Council as provided for in General Assembly resolutions 45/264, 48/162, 50/227, 61/16 and 70/299.

Pursuant to Council resolution 2017/1, the high-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from 17 to 20 July 2017.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges (General Assembly resolution 68/1 and Council decision 2017/208)[4]

(a) Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to paragraph 11 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1 and paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 70/299, the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held during the high-level segment of the Council in order to avoid duplication, enhance efficiency and strengthen complementarity and synergy.

Documentation

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolution 70/1 and E/HLS/2016/1)

(b) High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 61/16, the Council will hold a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy during its high-level segment.

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey 2017 (E/2017/50) (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2017 (General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1990/52)

(c) Thematic discussion

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16 and 68/1, the Council continues to promote global dialogue, inter alia, by strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from the economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges (General Assembly resolution 68/1 and Council decision 2017/208)[4]

6. High-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, decided that the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Council would be convened annually by the President of the Council and would have a thematic focus reflecting the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, in line with the thematic focus of the activities of the Council and consistent with the 2030 development agenda. The theme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development to be convened under the auspices of the Council during its 2017 session is "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world" (General Assembly resolution 70/299).

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/290 and 70/1, the high-level political forum, under the auspices of the Council, would carry out regular thematic reviews on the follow-up and implementation of sustainable development commitments and objectives, including those related to the means of implementation, within the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In its resolution 70/299, the General Assembly further decided that the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Council, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, should discuss a set of Goals and their interlinkages, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all Goals over the course of a four-year cycle, with means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, reviewed annually.

For the high-level political forum on sustainable development to be convened under the auspices of the Council during its 2017 session, the General Assembly decided,

in its resolution 70/299, that Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14 should be reviewed in depth, in addition to the annual review of Goal 17.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 70/1 and 70/299, the follow-up and review at the high-level political forum will be informed by an annual progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals to be prepared by the Secretary-General in cooperation with the United Nations system. Every four years, a more scientific and analytical *Global Sustainable Development Report* will be prepared to complement the Secretary-General's annual progress report. In response to the invitation by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/1, the President of the Council conducted a process of consultations on the scope, methodology and frequency of the *Global Sustainable Development Report*, the outcome of which was reflected in the annex to the ministerial declaration of the session of the high-level political forum in 2016.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/290, 70/1 and 70/299, the high-level political forum, under the auspices of the Council, should hold voluntary national reviews by all countries, including countries in special situations, with the aim of facilitating the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned. The Assembly, in its resolution 70/299, requested the Secretary-General to update, as appropriate and taking into account feedback from countries participating in the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Council during its 2016 session, the voluntary common reporting guidelines as provided for in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General, and to make them available to Member States as a suggested tool in the preparations for voluntary national reviews.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, invited the regional commissions to contribute to the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, including through annual regional meetings.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 69/214 and 70/201)

Summary of the discussions of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation (General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 70/1)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolution 70/1)

Report of the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, including the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the forum (22 to 25 May 2017) (General Assembly resolutions 69/313, 70/1, 70/192 and 71/217)

Summary by the President of the Council of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 58/230, 62/187, 65/145, 69/313 and 71/217 and Council resolutions 2010/26 and 2014/11)

Reports of five regional meetings on sustainable development (General Assembly resolution 67/290)

Papers by major groups and other relevant stakeholders (General Assembly resolution 67/290)

7. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Pursuant to Council resolution 2017/1, the operational activities for development segment will be held from 28 February to 2 March 2017.

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/226, and the Council, in its resolution 2015/15, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system[5] (General Assembly resolution 67/226 and Council resolutions 2014/14 and 2015/15)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme

The Council will have before it the annual reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 62/208, 64/289, 65/176, 67/226 and 68/229 and Council resolutions 1995/51, 2011/5, 2013/5 and 2015/15).

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/1, the relevant governing bodies of the United Nations development system should take action to review the support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations development system and to report on progress and obstacles.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2016 (E/2016/34/Rev.1) (Supplement No. 14) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

[5] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services on its work during 2016 (E/2016/35) (Supplement No. 15) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250, 62/208 and 65/176 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2016 (E/2017/36) (Supplement No. 16) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 53/192, 59/250 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on its first and second regular sessions and its annual session of 2016 (E/2017/4) (General Assembly resolution 64/289 and Council resolution 2011/5)

8. Integration segment

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1, an integration segment is held annually, the timing and modalities of which are decided by the Council. The main functions of the segment are to consolidate all the inputs of Member States, the subsidiary bodies of the Council, the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders and to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. The integration segment brings together the key messages from the Council system on the main theme and develops action-oriented recommendations for follow-up.

Pursuant to Council resolution 2017/1, the integration segment will be held from 8 to 10 May 2017. The Council, in its decision 2017/210,[6] decided that the theme of the integration segment of its 2017 session would be "Making eradication of poverty an integral objective of all policies: what will it take?"

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

9. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly established a humanitarian affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council, and pursuant to paragraph 11 (b) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 68/1, a humanitarian affairs segment will be held in June, through which the Council should continue to contribute to strengthening the coordination and effectiveness of United Nations humanitarian assistance and support and complement international efforts aimed at addressing humanitarian emergencies, including natural disasters, in order to promote an improved, coordinated response by the United Nations. The Council should also continue to hold a special event to discuss the transition from relief to development, to be convened immediately preceding the humanitarian affairs

[6] E/2017/L.11, adopted at the 9th plenary meeting, on 26 January 2017.

segment and following the annual session of the executive boards of the funds and programmes of the United Nations system.

Pursuant to Council resolution 2017/1, the humanitarian affairs segment will be held in Geneva from 21 to 23 June 2017.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 52/12 B and Council decision 1999/208)

10. The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

In its resolution 45/264, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations addressed to him in the annex to the resolution, which included the recommendation that the substantive session of the Council be organized under segments, including a coordination segment, and that the coordination segment focus on the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations. In its resolution 68/1, the Assembly decided that dedicated coordination and management meetings would be held regularly to perform the functions of the coordination and general segments.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

11. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the United Nations system was requested to mainstream the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development throughout its work. The General Assembly, in its resolution 71/223, invited the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, through the Council, on progress made in further mainstreaming the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system.

In its decision 2011/217, the Council invited the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security to transmit to the Council annually, starting in 2012, a report on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as the results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition, in accordance with its new roles and vision.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 71/223)

Report of the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition (Council resolution 1999/212 and decision 2011/217)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/313, the Economic and Social Council will hold an annual forum on financing for development follow-up, consisting of up to five days, one of which will be the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and up to four days of which will be dedicated to discussing the follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The forum's intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations will be fed into the overall follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/192, decided that the annual sessions of the forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York in the spring. It also decided that the forum would be chaired by the President of the Council, who would take the steps necessary to prepare the work of the forum according to paragraph 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. Also in resolution 70/192, it encouraged the President of the Council, in collaboration with the Secretary-General, to produce an information note regarding arrangements for the meeting of the annual forum in 2016.

The Council, in its decision 2017/206,[3] decided that the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, including the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development would be held from 22 to 25 May 2017, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to General Assembly resolution 68/1 and without setting a precedent for future discussions.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 71/217, invited the President of the Council to begin early planning of the 2017 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up and to consider using in 2017 the modalities that had applied to the 2016 forum.

The General Assembly also made the following requests related to the programme of the 2017 forum: (i) it looked forward to the inclusion, in the 2017 report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development, of an analysis of the promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development, and also looked forward to the deliberations of the Economic Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (71/213);

(ii) it encouraged the Council to consider, at its annual forum on financing for development follow-up, a discussion and analysis of systemic issues and challenges (71/215); (iii) it encouraged the annual Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up to continue discussions on ways to improve external debt sustainability (71/216); and (iv) it invited the Council, at its next annual forum on financing for development follow-up, to discuss adopting and implementing investment promotion regimes for the least developed countries, pursuant to the relevant resolutions on the matter and invited the President of the Council to include the outcome of that discussion in his summary of the forum on financing for development follow-up (71/238).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on monitoring commitments and actions in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 71/217 and Council resolution 2014/11)

Information note prepared by the President of the Council on arrangements for the 2017 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 70/192 and 71/217)

Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 69/313, 70/1, 70/192 and 71/217)

Summary by the President of the Council of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 58/230, 62/187, 65/145, 69/313 and 71/217 and Council resolutions 2010/26 and 2014/11)

Report of the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, including the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the forum (General Assembly resolutions 69/313, 70/1, 70/192 and 71/217)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

The Council, in its resolution 2016/15, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its 2017 session a progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

12. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit its annual overview report to the Council to provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Board machinery in 2016 (Council resolution 13 (III) and decision 2001/321).

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-seventh session (5 to 30 June 2017) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (General Assembly resolution 31/93 and Council resolution 2008 (LX)).

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2016

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-seventh session (A/72/16) (Supplement No. 16)

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 (General Assembly resolution 58/269 and Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 (see relevant fascicles of A/72/6)

(c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The General Assembly, in its resolutions 62/137 and 65/191, requested the Secretary-General to continue to report annually on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the Assembly, with an assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming, including information on key achievements, lessons learned and good practices, and recommendations on further measures to enhance implementation.

In its resolution 2016/2, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its 2017 session a report on the implementation of the resolution, including on the promotion of accountability at both the national and the global levels and on progress made in the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

In its resolution 2016/28, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the conclusion of the 2017 session, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on the long-term development strategy of Haiti to promote socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building on the Strategic Plan for the Development of Haiti and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms.

The Council, in the same resolution, requested the Advisory Group to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council for consideration at its 2017 session.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

(e) African countries emerging from conflict

In its resolution 2009/32, the Council invited the Chair of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission to continue to inform it about best practices, particularly lessons learned from its experiences, that are relevant for addressing the economic and social challenges of peacebuilding in other African countries emerging from conflict.

In its decision 2016/263, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan by the United Nations system (E/2016/71) and requested that another report on the subject be submitted for the Council's consideration at its 2017 session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan

(f) Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

In its resolution 2013/12, the Council requested the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases by expanding the mandate of the existing Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, with this Task Force to be convened and led by the World Health Organization (WHO), to report to the Council through the Secretary-General and to incorporate the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, including the work to support the accelerated implementation by parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

In the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director General of WHO and in full consultation with Member States through WHO, to develop the terms of reference for the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, incorporating, but not limited to, the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control and the current work of the secretariat of WHO to develop a division of tasks and responsibilities, as exemplified in appendix 4 to the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013-2020 (see also Council resolutions 2014/10 and 2015/8).

In its resolution 2016/5, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report at the 2017 session on the implementation of resolution 2013/12 in preparation for a comprehensive review by the General Assembly, in 2018, of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director General of the World Health Organization on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases

(g) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

In its resolution 2015/2, the Council requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council at its 2017 session a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, in collaboration with its co-sponsors and other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, on progress made in implementing a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

(h) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

The Council will be required to approve its provisional calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2018 and 2019 (Council decisions 52 (LVII) and 1988/103).

In its resolution 66/233 on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to propose, at its sixty-seventh session, a comprehensive review of conference servicing highlighting any duplications and redundancies. The Secretary-General, in paragraph 13 of his report on the pattern of conferences (A/67/127 and Corr.1), indicated that the Secretariat had reviewed the process of preparing the biennial calendar of conferences and meetings, which incorporated the provisional biennial calendar of meetings in the economic, social and related fields. He further indicated that the biennial calendar contained almost two thirds of the meetings listed in the provisional biennial calendar and that the

time and effort to prepare, translate and issue two almost identical calendars so close to each other might be considered a duplication and redundant.

In paragraph 15 of his report, the Secretary-General therefore recommended that the General Assembly might wish to invite the Council to reconsider the necessity of reviewing its provisional biennial calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields.

Subsequently, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences, the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/237, concurred with the observations in paragraph 13 of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences regarding the biennial calendar of meetings of the Council.

In addition, as indicated in paragraph 23 of the report of the Committee on Conferences (A/67/32), most delegations expressed the view that the issue should initially be brought to the attention of the Bureau of the Council, through its secretariat, and then to the Council as a whole. Therefore, it was suggested that the Council might then wish to review paragraph (b) of its decision 281 (LXIII), on the need for a biennial calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields, in the context of the mandate set out by the Assembly in section II, paragraph 16, of its resolution 66/233.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 71/262, reaffirmed the need to address the issue of duplications and redundancies in conference servicing, and noted in that regard that the Council had decided, in its resolution 2013/13, to consider at a later date the necessity of reviewing its provisional biennial calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields in the light of the ongoing intergovernmental consultations on the further strengthening of the Council.

Documentation

Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2018 and 2019 in the economic, social and related fields

13. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B, 60/265, 61/16, 67/290 and 68/1

In the annex to its resolution 68/1, the General Assembly stated that the Secretary-General should make proposals to promote collaboration across the United Nations system, taking account of the functions of a strengthened Council, with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat serving as a central hub of support for the Council, in order to better utilize existing resources of the United Nations system to broaden support to the Council and its Bureau. The proposals were to include measures to enable the Secretariat to better support the implementation of a unified development agenda. Similarly, the Secretary-General was to explore proposals to strengthen support to the Council, including to the office of the President of the Council.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/96, and the Council, in its resolution 2016/20, requested the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Non-Self-Governing Territory so as to take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories, and also requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of the United Nations system and regional organizations to strengthen existing measures of support and to formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories.

The General Assembly in its resolution 70/96 and the Council in its resolution 2016/20 also requested the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the President of the Council to continue to maintain close contact on those matters and to report thereon to the Council. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the resolution, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system and to report thereon to the Council at its 2017 session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the President of the Council on consultations with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

15. Regional cooperation

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Council will hold an annual dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions. The Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, invited the regional commissions to contribute to the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, including through annual regional meetings.

The Council will also consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations contained therein that statutorily require its approval.

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2017/15 and addenda)

Economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region (Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States), 2016-2017 (E/2017/16)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2016-2017 (E/2017/17)

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2017* (E/2017/18)

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook 2016-2017 (E/2017/19)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2016-2017 (E/2017/20)

16. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Council, in its resolution 2016/14, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied

Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

17. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and its decision 1995/304, the Council considers the reports of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its regular (30 January to 8 February and 21 February 2017) and resumed (22 to 31 May and 12 June 2017) sessions. The dates of and provisional agenda for the 2017 sessions of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2016/239.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2017 regular session (E/2017/32 (Part I))

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2017 session (E/2017/32 (Part II))

18. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its nineteenth session (20 to 24 March 2017) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46).

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its nineteenth session (E/2017/33) (Supplement No. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 69/214 and 70/201)

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twentieth session (Geneva, 8 to 12 May 2017) (General Assembly resolutions 46/235 and 56/182). The provisional agenda and documentation for the twentieth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2016/254.

The General Assembly, in its resolutions 68/198 and 70/125, requested the Secretary-General to report on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the resolutions, as part of his annual reporting to the Assembly, through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the Council, on the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twentieth session (E/2017/31) (Supplement No. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels

(c) Statistics

The Council will have before it the report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session (7 to 10 March 2017) (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)). The provisional agenda and dates for the forty-eighth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2016/220.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-eighth session (E/2017/24) (Supplement No. 4)

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its twenty-sixth session (Nairobi, 8 to 12 May 2017) (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 and 56/206 and Council resolution 1978/1). The Governing Council, in its decision 25/2, adopted the provisional agenda and other arrangements for its twenty-sixth session.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2016/24).

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on its twenty-sixth session (A/72/8) (Supplement No. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

(e) Environment

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. The Governing Council meets in regular sessions every two years and in special sessions in alternate years (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 67/251).

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/251, decided to change the designation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme.

At its second session, held in Nairobi from 23 to 27 May 2016, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, in its

decision 2/22, decided to hold its third session in Nairobi from 4 to 6 December 2017. The Council will therefore consider the report of the third session at its 2018 session.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fiftieth session (3 to 7 April 2017) (General Assembly resolution 49/128). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2016/256.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fiftieth session (E/2017/25) (Supplement No. 5)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixteenth session (24 to 28 April 2017) (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60). The provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Committee was approved by the Council in its decision 2016/257.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixteenth session (E/2017/44) (Supplement No. 24)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/313, the frequency of meetings of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters has been increased to two sessions per year, with a duration of four working days each. In the same resolution, Member States decided to increase the engagement of the Committee with the Economic and Social Council through the special meeting on international cooperation on tax matters, with a view to enhancing intergovernmental consideration of tax issues.

Pursuant to its resolution 2013/24, the Council will hold, on an annual basis, a special meeting to consider international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation.

Pursuant to resolution 2017/2, one session of the Committee will be held in New York in the spring, and one in Geneva in the autumn, with the session in New York held back to back with the special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters, in order to increase the Committee's engagement with the Council with a view to enhancing intergovernmental consideration of tax issues at the United Nations.

The Council, in its decision 2017/205,[7] approved the arrangements for the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (Geneva, 11 to 14 October 2016, and New York, 5 to 8 December 2016, respectively) and the special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters (New York, 9 December 2016).

The Council, in its decision 2017/209,[7] approved the dates for the fourteenth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (3 to 6 April 2017) and the special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters (7 April 2017).

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its twelfth and thirteenth sessions (E/2016/45) (Supplement No. 25) (General Assembly resolutions 68/1 and 69/313 and Council resolution 2004/69 and decision 2017/205)

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its fourteenth session (E/2017/45) (Supplement No. 25) (General Assembly resolutions 68/1 and 69/313 and Council resolution 2004/69 and decision 2017/209)

(i) Geospatial information

At its 2011 session, the Council decided to establish the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to its resolution 2011/24. The Council, in its resolution 2016/27, broadened and strengthened the mandate of the Committee of Experts as the relevant body on geospatial information, and decided that the substantive mandates and obligations of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and the Pacific and for the Americas should be assumed by the Committee of Experts at the global level, and their technical and substantive activities at the regional and national levels assumed by the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas, respectively.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its sixth session (3 to 5 August 2016). The provisional agenda and dates for the sixth session of the Committee of Experts were approved by the Council in its decision 2016/221.

The Council, in its decision 2016/259, approved the provisional agenda and dates for the thirtieth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (7 and 18 August 2017) and the dates for the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (8 to 17 August 2017). The Council will therefore consider the reports of the Group of Experts and of the Conference at its 2018 session.

[7] E/2017/L.6, adopted at the 3rd plenary meeting, on 5 October 2016.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its sixth session (E/2016/46) (Supplement No. 26)

(j) Women and development

The Council will have before it the relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-first session (13 to 24 March 2017) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-first session (E/2017/27) (Supplement No. 7)

(k) United Nations Forum on Forests

The Council, in its resolution 2015/33, requested the United Nations Forum on Forests to convene its working group by 30 March 2017 and a special session immediately upon the adjournment of the session of the working group, to consider the proposals of the working group consistent with paragraph 44 of the resolution. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Forum to hold its next session in 2017.

The Council, in its decision 2017/207,[8] decided that the meetings of the working group and special session of the Forum would be held from 16 to 20 January 2017, and that the main part of the twelfth session of the Forum would be held from 1 to 5 May 2017, at United Nations Headquarters.

Documentation

Report of the special session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2017/10)

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its twelfth session (E/2017/42) (Supplement No. 22)

(l) Transport of dangerous goods

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, including recommendations of the Committee on the transport of dangerous goods and on the Globally Harmonized System (Council resolutions 645 G (XXIII) and 2015/7).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, including recommendations of the Committee on the transport of dangerous goods and on the Globally Harmonized System

[8] E/2017/L.8, adopted at the 5th plenary meeting, on 23 November 2016.

(m) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

In its resolution 2000/32, the Council reaffirmed the important role of the General Assembly, the Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in mobilizing and monitoring, as appropriate, the economic assistance efforts of the international community and the United Nations system to States confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council and, as appropriate, in identifying solutions to the special economic problems of those States. The Council decided to continue consideration of the question, under the item entitled "Economic and environmental questions", taking into account the relevant decisions of the Assembly and the Security Council (see also General Assembly resolution 59/45).

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

19. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-first session (13 to 24 March 2017) (Council resolutions 11 (II), 1987/22 and 1996/6). The provisional agenda and documentation for the sixty-first session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2016/224.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-first session (E/2017/27) (Supplement No. 7)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcomes of the 2016 sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-fifth session (1 to 10 February 2017) (Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2016/225.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-fifth session (E/2017/26) (Supplement No. 6)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-fifth session (1 and 2 December 2016) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-sixth session (22 to 26 May 2017) (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 1993/242). The provisional agenda for the twenty-sixth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2016/243.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-fifth session (E/2016/30/Add.1) (Supplement No. 10A)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-sixth session (E/2017/30) (Supplement No. 10)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-ninth session (30 November to 2 December 2016) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its sixtieth session (13 to 17 March 2017) (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39). The provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2016/246.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2015. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961; article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances; and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2016.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-ninth session (E/2016/28/Add.1) (Supplement No. 8A)

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its sixtieth session (E/2017/28) (Supplement No. 8)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2016 (E/INCB/2016/1)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In its resolution 58/153, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an annual oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute (Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex), should continue the existing practice of presenting an annual written report to the Assembly.

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(f) Human rights

The Council will have before it the reports of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2016 sessions (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39).

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141).

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex). Under article 39 of the Convention, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities reports every two years to the General Assembly and to the Council on its activities, and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2016 sessions (E/2017/22) (Supplement No. 2)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on its 2015 and 2016 sessions (A/72/55) (Supplement No. 55)

(g) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixteenth session (24 April to 5 May 2017) (Council resolution 2000/22). The venue, dates and provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decisions 2016/251 and 2016/252.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixteenth session (E/2017/43) (Supplement No. 23)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

In its resolution 62/220, the General Assembly decided that the Assembly, through its role in policy formulation, the Council, through its role in overall guidance and coordination, in accordance with their respective roles under the Charter and Assembly resolution 50/227, and the Human Rights Council should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental process for the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. In the same resolution, the Assembly reaffirmed that the Human Rights Council should continue to have a central role in the monitoring of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action within the United Nations system and in advising the Assembly thereon.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

20. United Nations research and training institutes

The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/214, decided that the biennial reports on the activities of the United Nations System Staff College would be submitted to the Council rather than to the Assembly.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 61/216, decided that the report of the Council of the United Nations University and other reports on the work of the University should be submitted biennially to the Council, rather than to the Assembly for its consideration, beginning in 2009.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 62/210, decided to streamline the reporting arrangements of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research through consolidation of the reports of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute and submission of the new consolidated report of the Secretary-General to the Council, rather than to the Assembly, on a biennial basis, starting from 2009 (see also Council resolutions 2011/11 and 2013/45).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System Staff College

Report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Annex

Working arrangements for the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council

As set out in Council resolution 2017/1, as revised by the Council in its decision 2017/211:[a]

(a) The coordination and management meetings will be held from 19 to 21 April 2017;[b] from 7 to 9 June 2017; on 6 July 2017; and on 25 and 26 July 2017;

(b) The youth forum will be held on 30 and 31 January 2017;

(c) The operational activities for development segment will be held from 28 February to 2 March 2017;

(d) The partnership forum will be held on 5 April 2017;

(e) The integration segment will be held from 8 to 10 May 2017;

(f) The multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals will be held on 15 and 16 May 2017;

(g) The humanitarian affairs segment will be held in Geneva, from 21 to 23 June 2017;

(h) The high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from 10 to 14 July 2017, and the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum will be held from 17 to 19 July 2017;

(i) The high-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from 17 to 20 July 2017;

(j) The organizational session regarding the programme of work of the Council from July 2017 to July 2018 will be held on 27 July 2017.

As set out in Council decision 2017/205,[c] the one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters in 2016 will be held on 9 December 2016. As set out in Council decision 2017/209,[c] the one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters in 2017 will be held on 7 April 2017.

As set out in Council decision 2017/206,[c] the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, including the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, will be held from 22 to 25 May 2017, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to General Assembly resolution 68/1 and without setting a precedent for future discussions.

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[a] E/2017/L.12, adopted at the 9th plenary meeting, on 26 January 2017.
[b] E/2017/L.9, adopted at the 3rd plenary meeting, on 5 October 2016.
[c] E/2017/L.10, adopted at the 7th plenary meeting, on 9 December 2016.
[d] E/2017/L.7, adopted at the 3rd plenary meeting, on 5 October 2016.